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SUBJECT: TANZANIA RECOGNIZES COMORO ISLANDS

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1. TANZANIA OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED COMORE ISLANDS AS AN INDEPENDENT STATE ON JULY 9, ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT PUBLISHED FOLLOWING DAY. REFERRING TO COMOROS PARLIAMENT'S SUNDAY DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, STATEMENT SAID: "BY THIS DECLARATION, THE PEOPLE OF COMORO HAVE NOT ONLY ENDED THE FRENCH COLONIAL YOKE OVER THEM, BUT HAVE ALSO CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE REALIZATION OF THE CARDINAL OBJECTIVES OF THE OAU." IT DESCRIBED FRENCH INSISTENCE ON LAST DECEMBER'S REFERENDUM AS "ANOTHER COLONIALIST MANOEUVRE AIMED AT DELAYING THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE COMOROS", AND SUBSEQUENT PLANS FOR A NEW CONSTITUTION AND REFERENDUM AS "OBVIOUSLY DESIGNED TO EFFECTIVELY REMOVE THE POSSIBILITY OF COMORO BECOMING INDEPENDENT WITHIN THE NEXT TWO YEARS OR SO".

2. ALTHOUGH STATEMENT DID NOT REFER TO MAYOTTE PROBLEM, AN

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ANGRY EDITORIAL PUBLISHED JULY 9 IN THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY

NEWS DISMISSED MAYOTTE'S MISGIVINGS ABOUT INDEPENDENCE AS COLONIALIST "DELAYING TACTICS, OBVIOUSLY WITH A VIEW TO FERMENTING TROUBLE SO AS TO GET A PRETEXT FOR FURTHER DIABOLICAL PLOTS AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF THE COMOROS". EDITORIAL REMINDED READERS OF FRENCH "MILITARY BASE AT DRAOUDZI ON MAYOTTE ISLAND" AS BEING "IN LINE WITH THE IMPERIALIST GLOBAL STRATEGY OF RINGING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH MILITARY AND NAVAL BASES TO INTIMIDATE, BULLY AND CONTROL THEM".

3. MOLINACO SECRETARY GENERAL ABOUD BAKARI BOINA LEFT DAR ES SALAAM FOR COMOROS JULY 9 FOR TALKS WITH COMOROS GOVERNMENT LEADERS.
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